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Remarks

The claims were amended to change the term "trunking" to "cable conduit." No new matter was added. Support can be found from the specifications such as lines 24-28 of page 4.

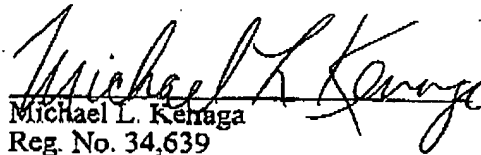
Claims 1-3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by HATCH.

However, HATCH discloses a bottle carrier and not a cable conduit extending between two open ends. Besides, claims 4-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over HATCH in view of YAKE.

However, again YAKE does not disclose any cable conduit, but a dishwasher rack. Therefore, even when combining the teachings of HATCH and YAKE, the subject matter of claims 4-6 would not have been made obvious for a person skilled in the art.

In view of the foregoing comments and amendment, applicants respectfully request the Examiner's reconsideration and to find claims 1-6 allowable over the prior art of record.

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